

United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, after the nominee further testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Carl W. Ford, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was

introduced by Senator Stevens, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RETIREMENT PLANS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of employer-sponsored retirement plans in increasing national savings, focusing on 401(k) plans, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), and financial literacy, after receiving testimony from Mark J. Warshawsky, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy; and J. Mark Iwry, The Brookings Institution, C. Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute, and James A. Klein, American Benefits Council, and John M. Kimpel, Fidelity Investments, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 1541–1586 and; 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res., 127–130 and H. Res. 203–210 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 29, to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, amended (H. Rept. 109–32);

S. 167, to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights (H. Rept. 109–33, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 134, requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to plan assets and liabilities of single-employer pension plans, adverse (H. Rept. 109–34);

H. Res. 202, providing for consideration of H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent (H. Rept. 109–35);

H.R. 28, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991, amended (H. Rept. 109–36);

H.R. 1023, to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish an awards program in honor of Charles “Pete” Conrad, astronaut and space scientist, for recognizing the discoveries made by amateur astronomers of asteroids with near-Earth orbit trajectories (H. Rept. 109–37); and

H.R. 749, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to provide expanded access for persons in the field of membership of a Federal credit union to money order, check cashing, and money transfer services, amended (H. Rept. 109–38).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Barrett of South Carolina to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1853**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1856**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2005: H.R. 135, to establish the “Twenty-First Century Water Commission” to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 96;

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Pine Springs Land Exchange Act: H.R. 482, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico;

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Conveyance of certain lands in Lander County and Eureka County, Nevada: H.R. 541, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 97;

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Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act: H.R. 18, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California; and

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Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act: H.R. 794, to correct the south boundary of the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Arizona.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:53 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page 1857.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 25 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1867–68, H1868. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Pandemic Preparedness and Influenza Vaccine Supply. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Bruce Gellin, M.D., Director, National Vaccine Program; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Judiciary and on the Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from Julia S. Gibbons, Chair, Committee on the Budget, Judicial Conference of

the United States; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; and the following Supreme Court Justices: Anthony M. Kennedy, and Clarence Thomas, both Associate Justices.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued markup of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL CREDIT AGENCIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Reforming Credit Rating Agencies: The SEC’s Need for Statutory Authority,” Testimony was heard from Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC.

NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled “NSPS: The New Department of Defense Civilian Personnel System—Reaching Readiness.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense; George Nesterczuk, Senior Policy Advisor on the Department of Defense, OPM; Neil A. G. McPhie, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; and public witnesses.

U.N. OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Oil-for-Food: The Inevitable Failure of U.N. Sanctions.” Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Schweich, Chief of Staff, U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Department of State; and public witnesses.

U.S. MANUFACTURING—IMPACT OF REGULATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturing.” Testimony was heard from Al Frink, Assistant Secretary, Manufacturing and Services, Department of Commerce; John Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

FIRST RESPONDERS FUNDING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Need for Grant Reform